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1. THE BODY THAT WILL MEET MAY 15 TO ELECT THE SUCCESSOR TO PRESIDENT HEINEMANN IS PROVIDED FOR IN ARTICLE 54 OF THE BASIC LAW, PARA 3 OF WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS: "THE FEDERAL CONVENTION (BUNDESVERSAMMLUNG) SHALL CONSIST OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BUNDESTAG AND AN EQUAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE DIETS OF THE LAENDER ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPLES OF PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION."

2. THERE WILL BE TWO CANDIDATES ON MAY 15 FOR THE FIVE YEAR PRESIDENTIAL TERM BEGINNING JULY 1. WALTER SCHEEL OF THE FDP AND RICHARD VON WEIZSAECKER. AS THE VOTE IS EXPECTED TO BE STRICTLY ALONG PARTY LINES, SCHEEL SHOULD WIN 535 TO 501. THE REPRESENTATION IN THE FEDERAL CONVENTION IS AS FOLLOWS:

	SPD	CDU/CSU	FDP	TOTAL
BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG	28	40	6	74
BAVARIA	9L	56	4	9L
BERLIN	9	7	L	17
BREMEN	5	1	-	6

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HAMBURG	7	7	1	15

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HESSE	22	20	4	46
LOWER-SAXONY	31	31	-	62
NORTHRHINE-WESTPHALIA	68	70	5	143
RHINELAND-PALATINATE	13	18	1	32
SAARLAND	5	5	-	10
SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN	10	12	-	22
LAENDER REPRESENTA-TIVES	229	267	22	518
BUNDESTAG	242	234	42	518
TOTAL	471	501	64	1036
PLUS FDP	64			
TOTAL	535			

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